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Atty. Docket No. YOR920010539US1
(590.076)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Chaudhari et al.
Serial No. : 10/042,827 Examiner : M. Pierre
Filed : January 4, 2002 Group Art Unit : 2654
For : EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED ON A SPLITTING
FUNCTION DERIVED FROM SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-
DECOMPOSITIONS

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1. **Extension of Time**
- ☒ No extension of time is needed.
- ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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- ☒ Previously submitted
☒ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on January 3, 2007.
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
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☐ Other _____.

3. **Miscellaneous**

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

☐ Other _____.

4. **Fees**

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$_____ to cover the RCE fee.

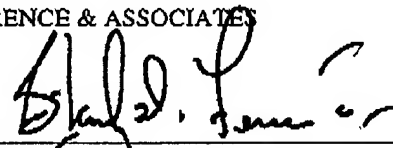
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